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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED July 30, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was due October 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time, with the appropriate fee, to extend the period of reply to January 30, 2004. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.